

FEDERALS MAKE LAST STAND AT TORREON'S EDGE

Driven from Street to Street
to Extreme Western
Part of City.

MOUNTAIN BLOCKS FURTHER RETREAT

Rebels Rush Into Strong-
hold and Battle to
Death Is On.

HUERTA CHIEFS DEAD

Pena, Reyna and Anaya, Crazed
by Exhaustion, Said to Have
Killed Themselves.

[By Telegraph to The Tribune.]

Gomez Palacio, Mexico, March 27.—Pinned in the extreme western part of Turreon, with a big soap factory for a fort and a mountain which cannot be scaled for a background, the Federal army of General Refugio Velasco tonight is making its last stand.

Hand to hand fighting was in progress in the business district of Turreon at 10 o'clock to-night, when the Federals were being desperately pressed by Villa's men.

Practically all of the city, except that portion to which the Federals retreated before Huerta's men, is in the hands of the rebels.

No disposition has been shown by the Federals to surrender, and to-night it appears to be a battle to the death.

The losses since darkness set in have been enormous on both sides, but the Federals are being rapidly decimated. Many of the Federal officers have been killed, the bodies of numerous colonels and captains being found by rebel troops in the streets.

It appears impossible for the Federal garrison to hold out through the night. Originally numbering 7,000 or 8,000 men, there are not more than 3,000 Federals left to fight, it is claimed.

Three of Velasco's most dependable generals are reported to have lost their lives this afternoon. Rebel reports tonight say they committed suicide when they realized the impossibility of holding back the rebels.

General Ricardo Pena, said to have been the first of the three to fall, was the cavalry leader who armed his men with machetes and, dashing into the rebel ranks yesterday, mowed men down by hundreds.

Herrera Forces Entrance.

General Maclovio Herrera pushed his way into Turreon from the east to-day. He had 3,000 men, made up of his own command and a detachment of General E. A. Benavides's Zaragoza brigade. The Federals made a desperate effort to block Herrera, and the progress of the rebels through the heart of the city, pushing the Federals gradually before them, was the most determinedly fought battle of the Turreon campaign.

Finally the Federals, comprising practically the whole of the garrison, took refuge behind a large factory building in the extreme western part of the town. They could not retreat further, for a mountain whose sides are almost perpendicular and as smooth as a granite block, formed a natural barrier.

Capture of the big bull ring, which the Federals had used as a quarter, and the forcing of the Federals from the eastern and southern sections of Turreon, made it possible for the rebels to rush strong detachments into the Federal stronghold. These took up positions on the mountain.

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AN EXTRA SESSION

Albany, March 28 (Saturday).—At 3.30 o'clock this morning the Assembly adjourned sine die without passing the appropriation bill or supply bill. This means an extra session.

ROOSEVELT EXPLORATIONS

In Untraversed Country—Won't Be Heard from for Month.

Rio de Janeiro, March 27.—Colonel Theodore Roosevelt and his exploration party are still proceeding down the Duvidia River on his way to Manaus, Brazil, according to advices received here to-day from Colonel Rondon, the representative of the Brazilian government with the expedition. The dispatch said the territory being traversed had never before been explored and that it was unlikely the party would again be heard from for a month.

Another section of the expedition, commanded by Leo E. Miller, naturalist of the American Museum of Natural History, will undertake a descent of the Parana River. The section through which the party will pass is well peopled and has telegraphic communication.

REBELS ASSAULT TAMPICO

Repulsed in First Attack, They Renew Hot Battle.

Mexico City, March 27.—General Morelos Zaragoza announces that Tampico was attacked by the rebels this morning, and that the enemy was repulsed after three hours' severe fighting.

The rebels tried to capture Dona Cecilia, between Tampico and the sea, but failed. It is said the gunboat Vera Cruz contributed to the repulse of the rebels.

The rebels renewed the attack at 2.35 o'clock this afternoon, and fighting is reported still in progress late to-night.

MRS. WAGNER HURT IN CAB MISHAP

Wife of Banker's Son May Lose
Eye as Result of Cuts from
Broken Glass.

Mrs. Margaret Wagner, wife of John Wagner, Jr., of No. 784 Park avenue, son of John Wagner, a retired banker, was thrown against the windshield of a cab at Madison avenue and 44th street last night and badly cut about the face. Her physicians fear she will lose the sight of her right eye, if not the eye itself.

Soon after 8 o'clock Mrs. Wagner took her sister, Mrs. John Dickerson, of Red Bank, N. J., in a hansom cab to the Pennsylvania Station on her way home. As Mrs. Wagner was being driven back to her apartment in the same cab the horse stumbled and fell just after crossing Madison avenue.

Flung violently forward, Mrs. Wagner's face struck against the windshield of the vehicle with such force as to smash the glass. Her face and neck were severely lacerated and a piece of glass passed into the socket of the right eye.

Dr. Edgar Thompson, of No. 19 East 44th street, an eye specialist, happened to be passing. He says he found that Mrs. Wagner's eye was practically gouged out. Eyewitnesses say that two policemen who ran to Mrs. Wagner's assistance fainted, but the officers deny it.

Mrs. Wagner is a handsome woman of thirty-six years. The doctors say they fear her beauty will be permanently ruined. Among the other injuries to her face is a severe fracture of the nose.

TRAINS IN UNIQUE FIGHT

Armored Cars Attack Each
Other Like Battleships.

Gomez Palacio, Mexico, March 27.—A unique incident of the fighting around Turreon was the meeting of two armored trains at long range. One was on a siding and the other on the main track.

The trains exchanged shots like two warships, but with little damage, and the Federal train, which had the switch track, soon retired around a curve and was lost to sight. Gomez Palacio is a railroad town and has a network of tracks, which made the encounter possible.

ISHAMS IN MEXICO

Gaynor's Daughter and Husband Disregard Warning.

[By Telegraph to The Tribune.]
El Centro, Cal., March 27.—Ralph Isham and his bride, daughter of the late Mayor Gaynor of New York City, left Calexico this morning for a ten days' hunting trip in Mexico. They were accompanied by Captain Funke, an old desert guide, who is thoroughly familiar with every foot of the ground to be traversed, and three of his fellow scouts, all of whom were heavily armed.

In view of the mysterious disappearance of a number of men who have wandered across the line an effort was made to dissuade the young couple from their dangerous adventure, but to no avail. Isham declared he had thoroughly investigated the whole matter and said he would not make the trip if he thought there was the least danger.

Governor Juan Luján of Lower California has promised the party all military aid in his power in case of an attack by bandits, whose presence in this locality, however, is only a rumor. The party left in Isham's machine, which he drove himself. They expect to end the trip at San Diego in ten days.

G. M. S. SCHULZ IN EUSTIS'S PLACE

Surrogate of The Bronx
Named as Public Service
Commissioner.

MURPHY PREVAILS OVER W. C. OSBORN

Fat Job for McCabe—Richards
Heads Bank Department—Has-
brouck in Emmet's Place.

[By Telegraph to The Tribune.]

Albany, March 28 (Saturday).—After an all day and all night conference between Governor Glynn, William Church Osborn, chairman of the Democratic State Committee, and the leaders of the Tammany machine, the Governor at 1.30 o'clock this morning appointed "Packey" McCabe and several other loyal followers of Charles F. Murphy to the most important places in the state government within his gift.

At 7 o'clock last night the entire slate was made up, with the exception of the successor to Commissioner John E. Eustis, of the Public Service Commission of the 1st Department.

At the last moment Surrogate George M. S. Schulz, of The Bronx, was appointed to this office. Governor Glynn said Schulz was his own personal appointee, as he said of "Packey" McCabe. The Tammany Senators declared the appointments would be confirmed when the Senate reconvened later this morning.

Anti-Machine Men Amazed.

The Anti-Tammany Democrats here are amazed at the appointments, particularly that of Mr. McCabe. At one time during the afternoon Mr. Osborn threatened to resign if the Governor persisted in naming McCabe. But Lieutenant Governor Wagner, John H. McCooey and several Tammany Senators who were in the Executive Chamber at the time urged Mr. Osborn not to take any such course.

Charles F. Murphy was kept constantly informed by long distance telephone of the various angles of the situation assumed.

The other appointments of Governor Glynn follow:

Public Service Commissioner, 2d District—William Temple Emmet, of South Salem, Westchester County, vice James E. Sague, term expired.

Frank Irvine, of Ithaca, vice Curtis N. Douglas, term expired.

Commissioner of the Board of Claims—William A. Gardner, of Amsterdam, reappointed.

Conservation Commissioner, Thomas F. Byrnes, of the Borough of Brooklyn, reappointed.

Superintendent of Insurance, Frank Hasbrouck, of Poughkeepsie, vice William Temple Emmet, resigned.

Superintendent of Banks—Eugene Lamb Richards, of New Brighton, vice George C. Van Tuyl, Jr., whose term is about to expire.

State Workmen's Compensation Commission—Howard Townsend Mosher, of Rochester, for term expiring January 1, 1917.

State Hospital Commissioner—Andrew D. Morgan, of Ithaca, vice Eugene M. Strauss, term expired.

Associate member of the Industrial Board, Maurice Wertheim, of New York City, reappointed.

County judges of and for the County of Kings, Robert H. Roy, of the Borough of Brooklyn; John F. Hyland, of the Borough of Brooklyn.

The Governor also sent several other minor appointments to the Senate. The Senate was in recess when the Governor signed the appointments.

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MERCURY UP TO 70, 20 ABOVE AVERAGE

Children Get Lost, Wild Geese
Appear and Other Evidences
of Spring Here.

Although yesterday was by no means a record breaking hot day for early spring, the average, 60 degrees, was just about 20 degrees higher than the average for the last thirty-three years. Overcoats became a burden, and people began to figure that March, which came in like a lion, would run true to form and go out like a lamb.

Seventy degrees was yesterday's highest, the temperature sticking at that point from 2.30 p. m. till nearly 4 o'clock, when it dropped one notch. At 10 o'clock it was at 60, six points above the figures for the night before. It's going to be a little cooler some time to-day, the forecasters forecast.

In New York radiators that quit cold in the recent frigid trend throbbed merrily all day long. Over in Jersey City the sunshine lured the small children to give expression to their spirit of wanderlust, and the police were forced to rouse themselves from their spring lassitude and find them.

Further out in Jersey, in Washington, a flock of wild geese flying north got lost in a fog. Much breaking of glass gave rise to the belief that robbers had visited the town and were in combat with the police. It developed that the geese had broken the glass. When the fog lifted and they found out where they were they tarried no longer.

11 Workmen Drown in Canal.

Brunsbüttel, Germany, March 27.—Eleven workmen were drowned to-day when a suspended cable car fell into a lock of the Kiel Canal, which they were crossing.

ASQUITH'S FATE IN THE BALANCE

If Sir J. French Insists on
Retiring Fall of Cabinet
Is Inevitable.

EFFORTS TO PERSUADE FIELD MARSHAL FAIL

Matter Still in Suspense—Situation "A Public Scandal," Says Bonar Law.

[By Cable to The Tribune.]

London, March 28.—The Cabinet crisis continues, and the immediate outcome depends on the decisions of Sir John French and Sir John Ewart with regard to their resignations. If these officers refuse to withdraw their resignations and persist in retiring into private life the immediate fall of the government is regarded as inevitable, but if they can be induced to retain their military posts the Cabinet will probably carry out the plan outlined in these dispatches yesterday—i. e., proceed with the Home Rule and Welsh Church bills and appeal to the country about June or early in July.

The importance of the issues depending on the decisions of Sir John French and Sir John Ewart explain the remarkable efforts made within the last forty-eight hours to induce them to withdraw their resignations. It was understood last night that both officers had been persuaded to abandon their intention to retire, and it was also understood that Sir John French, dictating his own terms to the Cabinet, had declared he would persist in his intention to resign unless adequate reparation were rendered to him for the humiliation inflicted on him by the government's repudiation of two paragraphs of the document to which he in common with Colonel Seely and General Ewart had appended his signature. He stipulated, it appears, that his reputation should be saved by the issue of a new definition of duties of officers and men in circumstances similar to those of the present position, and the new army order which Premier Asquith announced in the House of Commons yesterday was the government's response to this demand.

Commons Crowded at Noon.

All day long the House of Commons was on tenterhooks and provided the almost unprecedented spectacle of a crowded chamber at noon, for on Friday the attendance is usually of the scantiest. Not a Cabinet minister, however, was in sight, and when the Scottish whip, John W. Gulland, rose to announce another postponement till 5 o'clock of the eagerly awaited statement murmurs of disappointment were heard on all sides.

On the Opposition benches the resentment displayed deepened when the Speaker made it plain that the rules rendered impossible any adjournment either of the debate or of the house. Mr. Bonar Law protested that the situation was a public scandal, but there was nothing for it but to wait till 5 o'clock, so for five hours a thin house talked about feeding school children, while the fortunes not only of Field Marshal French but of the whole government were known to be at stake outside.

From 4.30 p. m. onward the House began to fill rapidly in anticipation of Premier Asquith's statement. The peers' gallery was thronged. Lord Lansdowne, whom nobody had ever seen watching the proceedings of the House of Commons before, occupied a

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SPECIAL ELECTION REGISTRY TO-DAY

Those Who Want to Express View
on 1915 Convention Must
Go to Booths.

This is the day set by the Legislature for the correction of the registration rolls for the special election on April 7 to determine whether the voters favor a constitutional convention in 1915.

All persons who registered last fall and have not moved may vote on that registry. Those who have moved may have their registration transferred to-day to their new district by presenting a certificate from the old district showing they were registered there last fall. The requirement is that on the day of election they must have resided in the county four months and in the election district thirty days.

All those who did not register last year may register to-day, provided their residential qualifications are right.

Any voter may find his place of registry by looking in the paper. The registry places in Manhattan are printed in this paper this morning. All registry places will be open from 8 a. m. to 10 p. m. There will be no other chance to correct the registration.

None of the parties has made an attempt to increase the registry. Chairman Barnes of the Republican State Committee does not favor the constitutional convention. The Progressives, although not opposing it, hope it will be beaten. The Democrats have declared in favor of it. Tammany Hall has told its captains to get out the vote in favor of the proposition on April 7, but has made no effort to get a large registration.

MISS ELEANOR WILSON ON A SHOPPING TRIP.



ELEANOR WILSON'S TROUSSEAU TO HAVE BLUE TINT, NOT ROSE

President's Daughter Rejects Color of Flower Named for
Her in Choosing Bridal Outfit—Details of Wedding
Gown Secret—Fiance Shops with Her.

Miss Eleanor Wilson decided upon her bridal gown yesterday afternoon, assisted by her fiancé, Secretary McAdoo, who came on from Washington to accompany her in her shopping.

It was admitted at the Kurzman shop, at Fifth avenue and 36th street, that Miss Wilson had ordered her wedding gown there, but the firm refused to give out particulars concerning it until Miss Wilson should give her consent. That will not be until she is safely back in the White House, where reporters cannot penetrate.

Every effort is being made by the President's daughter to avoid publicity. A Secret Service officer guards her incoming and her outgoing from the stores and hotels, and acts as a decoy for photographers at the front doors while she slips out the side entrances.

When caught, however, Miss Wilson submits with her usual courtesy to being snapped.

"Please don't keep me long," she begged the camera men at the door of Gimbel's store. "It embarrasses me to have a crowd collect."

The men promised to do their duty with instantaneous rapidity if she would only look her way as she walked from her taxicab. She agreed, and the picture that resulted was the picture of a smile.

It was a busy day. Miss Wilson rose at 8 o'clock and went for a short

walk up Fifth avenue, returning for breakfast with her aunt, Mrs. John Wilson, at the Waldorf-Astoria; then to Gimbel's to buy a steamer trunk and some shoes from an unsuspecting clerk, who, when informed later of the identity of his customer, excitedly pocketed the shoe horn which had assisted in the transaction and vowed that never again should it be used on common me 'als' feet.

After meeting Secretary McAdoo, who is staying at the Vanderbilt Hotel, the party went to Kurzman's. Miss Wilson gave the order for her complete trousseau, including the wedding dress. Blue, it is said, is the dominating color in the gowns, Miss Wilson having repudiated the "Nell Rose," which was invented out of compliment to her. One of the gowns is rose colored, but not "Nell Rose."

The plans of the engaged couple for the evening were not revealed by any one in the party. Mrs. McDonald Sheridan, a family friend, admitted that Miss Wilson had spent her first night in New York at the home of Mrs. D. H. Crompton, of No. 555 Park avenue, Mrs. Sheridan's daughter.

"I said good-bye to her early this afternoon and I purposely didn't ask her where she was going this evening," said Mrs. Sheridan. "Miss Nell wants to have her little fling, and I for one won't give her away. There are lots of theatres in New York. You'll have to search them all."

AUTOS SLAY TWO BOYS

Chauffeurs Rush Victims to
Hospitals in Vain.

While crossing Broadway at 125th street yesterday Sidney Goldshider, five years old, of No. 3147 Broadway, was killed by an automobile operated by Arthur Cargill, of No. 208 West 67th street.

Cargill stopped the machine, and, lifting the boy into it, speeded to Washington Heights Hospital, where Dr. Peterson said he was dead.

The boy's mother hurried to the West 125th street station. When Lieutenant Miller told her her son was dead Mrs. Goldshider became hysterical and Dr. Peterson attended her.

John Mullins, nine years old, of No. 163 West 68th street, son of Abraham Mullins, a court attendant, while playing at 68th street and Amsterdam avenue last night was knocked down by an automobile owned by J. G. Kerr, of No. 135 Central Park West, operated by William Pierce, of No. 146 West 68th street. Pierce placed the boy in the machine and hurried him to Roosevelt Hospital, where the boy died without regaining consciousness.

CHECKS POLICE ACTION

"Jack Sullivan" Gets Injunction
Against Commissioner.

Jacob A. Reich, better known as "Jack Sullivan, King of the Newsboys," who was arrested as a witness in the case against Lieutenant Charles Becker, obtained a temporary injunction in the Supreme Court yesterday restraining Police Commissioner McKay from interfering with his business.

Reich has a cigar store at No. 131 Lenox avenue. He complained that the police have warned prospective customers not to enter his store by telling them that a gambling house was being maintained there. Reich denies there has ever been any gambling on the premises.

The injunction also restrains Inspector Thomas F. Ryan and Captain Gargan from interfering with Reich or his business. The argument for a permanent injunction will be heard on Monday.

Would Widen Harbor Channels.

Washington, March 27.—Improvement of New York harbor by widening Bay Ridge and Red Hook channels, at an estimated cost of \$20,000, with \$25,000 annual maintenance, was recommended to the House to-day by the War Department.

WILSON WINS FIRST FIGHT ON TOLL BILL

Leaders of Three Parties
Overcome by Adminis-
tration Forces.

HOUSE VOTES TO CUT DOWN DEBATE

Underwood and Clark Fail
to Hold the Democrats
Against President.

ONLY FIFTY-FIVE HEED THEIR PLEAS

Adoption of Limit Rule Presages
Passage of the Free Tolls
Repeal Measure.

[From The Tribune Bureau.]

Washington, March 27.—Routing the legislative leaders of three parties, the administration forces won an initial victory in the Panama Canal tolls exemption repeal fight to-day when they jammed through the House a special rule limiting debate on the repeal bill and precluding amendment of that measure.

The previous question on the rule was ordered by a vote of 207 to 176. The rule itself was adopted by a vote of 210 to 172, and immediately the House began the grind of twenty hours' debate on the repeal bill proper.

On the adoption of the rule fifty-five Democrats voted against the President, including Speaker Clark and Mr. Underwood, the majority leader. Seven Republicans supported the rule.

Democrats who lined up against the administration were Messrs. Aiken, Brockson, Broussard, Bruckner, Caraway, Carey, Conry, Dale, Deitrick, Diefenderfer, Donohoe, Dooning, Doremus, Driscoll, Duppe, Eagan, Elder, Finley, Fitzgerald, Gorman, Goulden, Graham, of Illinois; Griffin, Harrison, Helm, Joe, Jones, Kindel, Kirkpatrick, Lee of Pennsylvania; L'Engle, Logue, McAndrews, McDermott, Mahan, Maher, Mitchell, Morgan, of Louisiana; Murray, of Massachusetts; Murray, of Oklahoma; O'Leary, O'Shaunessy, Fatten, of New York; Phelan, Ragsdale, Raker, Sherwood, Stone, Taylor, of Arkansas; Taylor, of Colorado; Thomas, Underwood, Williams, Wingo and Speaker Clark—55.

The Republicans who supported the Wilson programme were Messrs. Bartholdt, Browne, of Wisconsin; Gardner, of Massachusetts; McKenzle, Madden, Steenerson and Stevens, of Minnesota.

Bitter Debate Follows.

Stirring scenes attended the announcement of the vote, and the debate throughout was acrimonious. Men who heretofore had worked in harmony in the House were sarcastic, almost vituperative, in their references to one another. Applause swept from one part of the chamber to another as the verbal onslaughts were heard, and the galleries, unmindful of the rules, seethed with excitement and expressions of approval and disapproval.

The two dramatic moments of the day came when Mr. Underwood arose and regretfully announced his opposition to the President's proposal, and when Representative Hardwick, a Georgia Democrat, assailed Speaker Clark because of the statement he issued last night inveighing against the "gag rule" reported by the Rules Committee.

The Speaker, who received an ovation from his supporters when he entered the chamber at noon, sat silent under the attack. He announced tonight that he would speak on Tuesday in opposition to the repeal bill, and his admirers predict that the speech will be the effort of his life.

Before the House convened repeal supporters, confronted with the Speaker's statement, met in the office of Mr. Adamson, of Georgia, to determine whether concessions would be allowed the opponents of the twenty hour limit on debate. There was criticism in the conference of the Speaker's attitude, with incidental disapproval of the recalcitrant attitude of Mr. Underwood. The administration leaders, seeing rocks ahead for the Democratic ship of state, were resentful, and this led to a decision not to extend the time limit for debate or to throw open the real bill to amendment.

"There will be no change in the rule," it was announced after the conference. "We don't fight that way. We'll go in and beat them."

In Hostile Camps.

This was the ultimatum of Mr. Hardwick, who later took the floor, according to programme, and indirectly accused the Speaker of trying to tear down the administration. The charge was received in silence by the House, but even the most casual onlooker realized the seriousness of the situation presented—the President and his followers under one banner, the Speaker, the majority leader, the prospective majority leader, Mr. Kitchen, the Republican floor leader and the Progressive floor leader under another.

Adoption of the debate rule to-day presages the passage of the repeal bill. Continued on fourth page, second column.